

Appl. No. 10/507,189  
Amdt. dated May 25, 2006  
Reply to Office action of Apr. 18, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the present application. This amendment is submitted to present the claims in better form for reconsideration by the Examiner or for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1-7, 10-11, 13, 15-17 and 19-20 remain in this application. Claims 8-9, 12, 14 and 18 have been canceled, without prejudice.

In the Office action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 13 are allowed and Claims 15-17, 19 and 20 would be allowable if amended to overcome objection to them as dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowance of these Claims and this indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended Claims 15-17 and Claims 19-20 accordingly.

In the Office action, the Examiner rejected Claims 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,414,489 (Young). In response, Claims 14 and 18 have been canceled, without prejudice.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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